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SUBJ: MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT TO BOMBAY: CONTINUED LOCAL INTEREST

REF: BOMBAY 0390

1. MRS. CARTER'S VISIT TO BOMBAY, THE DETAILS OF WHICH WERE DESCRIBED IN THE REFTEL, CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN STRONG LOCAL INTEREST AND APPRECIATION, EVEN THOUGH SHE DEPARTED SOME THREE DAYS AGO.

2. ALTHOUGH THE LOCAL PRESS IS ABSORBED WITH NEXT MONTH'S PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IT CONTINUES TO HIGHLIGHT PHOTOGRAPHS AND STORIES WITH SUCH CAPTIONS AS "SPONTANEOUS WELCOME" AND "SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY," AS WELL AS FAVORABLE EDITORIAL COMMENT. TYPICAL OF SUCH COMMENT IS THAT IN THE FREE PRESS JOURNAL WHICH UNDER THE TITLE "HOMECOMING" SAID "PRESIDENT CARTER'S GESTURE TO SEND HIS MOTHER...WAS DEEPLY APPRECIATED BY THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY. HE COULD NOT HAVE SENT A BETTER AMBASSADOR." THE ECONOMIC TIMES STATES, "MRS. LILLIAN CARTER IS A SYMBOL OF THE DO-GOODER AMERICAN WHOSE IDEALISM AND EARNESTNESS HAS GIVEN STRENGTH TO CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE PAST AT A PEOPLE-TO-UNCLASSIFIED

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PEOPLE LEVEL." OUR USIS PEOPLE STATE THAT THE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF A FOREIGN VISITOR FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE DAYS IS MOST UNCOMMON, AND THAT MRS. CARTER'S VISIT HAS RECEIVED GREATER COVERAGE IN THE ENGLISH, MARATHI AND GUJARATI PRESS THAN THAT GIVEN ANY AMERICAN DIGNITARY IN RECENT YEARS.

3. ALMOST EVERYONE, BOTH INDIAN AND AMERICAN, WHOM WE HAVE

SEEN IN THE LAST FEW DAYS HAS COMMENTED ON THE VISIT. MANY  
HAVE SAID THAT THE SENTIMENTAL CHARACTER OF MRS. CARTER'S  
BOMBAY STAY WAS REMINISCENT OF THE VISIT TO INDIA IN THE MID  
'50S OF ELEANOR ROOSEVELT. THE COMMON THREAD OF THEIR REMARKS  
IS NOT ONLY WAS MRS. CARTER'S VISIT A MAJOR MANIFESTATION  
OF STRENGTHENED INDIAN-AMERICAN TIES, BUT ALSO A PERSONI-  
FICATION OF THE MANY AND DEEP PERSONAL BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP  
WHICH JOIN THE TWO NATIONS.  
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